

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-26, (canceled)

27. (Amended) A fibrous reinforcing structure comprising: at least one central layer of randomly distributed continuous strands; and at least one reinforcing fabric layer disposed exterior to the central layer of randomly distributed continuous strands, the layers of the structure being linked together by a mechanical mechanism or a chemical mechanism.

28. The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein the continuous strand layer has a mass per unit area ranging from 200 to 700 g/m².

29. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 28, wherein the continuous strand layer has a mass per unit area ranging from 350 to 550 g/m².

30. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein the reinforcing fabric layer comprises chopped strands.

31. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 30, wherein the reinforcing fabric layer has a mass per unit area ranging from 100 to 600 g/m².

32. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 31, wherein the reinforcing fabric layer has a mass per unit area ranging from 200 to 400 g/m².

33. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 30, wherein the chopped strands have a length ranging from 1 to 15 cm.

34. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 27, further comprising: a second reinforcing fabric layer, located on another side of the continuous strand layer from the first reinforcing fabric layer.

35. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 34, further comprising: at least one fleece forming at least one of two external faces of the structure.

36. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 35, wherein the at least one fleece has a mass per unit area ranging from 10 to 60 g/m².

37. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 36, wherein the at least one fleece has a mass per unit area ranging from 20 to 40 g/m².

38. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein non-fleece fabric layers are bound together by stitching.

39. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein non-fleece fabric layers are bound together by needle punching.

40. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein loops of the continuous strand layer are bound together by a binder.

41. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein the fabric layers are bound together pairwise by a binder.

42. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein the continuous strand layer includes notches for increasing its deformability.

43. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 42, wherein the notches have a length ranging from 0.01 to 0.35 times a width of the continuous strand layer.

44. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 43, wherein a direction of the notches is that of a width of the structure.

45. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 42, wherein the notches have a length ranging from 0.5 to 30 cm.

46. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 42, wherein the notches are present in an amount from 30 to 200 notches per m² of the continuous strand layer.

47. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein the continuous strand layer is made of glass.

48. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein the reinforcing fabric layer is made of glass.

49. (Original) A composite having a structure of claim 27.

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